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1. Between 17 and 24 April 1948, the following eastbound transports moved through Zossen on their way to the border points Frankfurt/Oder and Klustrin:

Date	No. of Cars	Description of Transports
17 April	28	Wooden houses
18 April	26	Plaster and barracks parts
	24	Wood for the manufacture of cellulose
24 April	18	Tar products (loaded on tank cars)

2. Additional transports of interest, passing through Zossen between 17 and 25 April to points indicated below, are the following:

Date	No. of Cars	Description of Transports	Destination
17 April	12	Airplanes, approx. 20	Uckro
20 April	10	Shell cases	Angermünde
	22	NKVD soldiers and officers, approx. 300, equipped with weapons	Dresden
23 April	16	Specialized technical troops with field radio station and signal truck	Windsdorf
25 April	8	Russian military prisoners	Aue

3. Between 18 and 25 April, the following eastbound transports moved through Elsterwerda on their way to the border points Forst and Guben:

Date	No. of Cars	Description of Transports
18 April	18	Machines (seaworthy packing)
19 April	16	T-iron and moulding iron
20 April	16	Five-ton trucks, new, approx. 30
	8	Seamless pipes, diameter approx. 300 mm
	3	Seamless containers, diameter approx. 450 mm
22 April	12	Large printing plant
23 April	28	Hydrogenation plant (dismantled equipment)
	16	Large boiler plant for hydrogenation plant
24 April	16	Tracks, new
	30	Closed freight cars, new, load capacity 20 tons
25 April	14	Seamless containers for mines

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4. In addition, the following transports to the points indicated below were observed between 15 and 24 April, passing through Elsterwerda:

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transports</u>	<u>Destination</u>
15 April	18	Mine machinery and ventilators, new	Pirna
	14	Civilian internees, approx. 300	Pirna
18 April	16	Iron constructions for foundries or bridge constructions	Pirna
19 April	12	Spare parts for airplanes (from Dessau)	Klotzsche
	14	Sick German workers from the uranium mines	Liebenwerda
20 April	28	Dismantled RR tracks and ties	Pirna
23 April	22	Command cars, new, suited for cross-country travel	Bodenbach (Podmokly)
24 April	14	German civilians, approx. 200	Pirna

During the period covered, only a few repaired locomotives and a small number of new RR cars were observed. The new cars show only the weight, load capacity, and name of the manufacturer; the Russian inscription is put on only after the cars arrive at their final destination. most of the new cars are at present being made in Erfurt and G8rlitz.

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5. Between 16 and 25 April, the following transports passed through K8strin-Kietz on their way to Insterburg:

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transports</u>
16 April	112	Metal parts for hangars
17 April	57	Cement
18 April	117	Timber for mines
20 April	118	Scrap iron
21 April	113	Metal parts for hangars
22 April	56	Timber for mines
	56	Scrap iron
23 April	55	Cement
24 April	51	Military personnel, mostly officers, and dependents, much luggage
	60	Sugar
25 April	25	Military personnel
	20	Anti-tank guns, 40

In addition, a transport of infantry troops, consisting of 60 cars, passed through K8strin on 25 April to an unknown destination. There were approximately 1500 men, who carried small arms.

6. During the same period, 26 empty trains returned from Russia and passed through K8strin-Kietz on their way to Germany.

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